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Murray Out Of Selectman Race

Cohasset's Town Election Campaign race turned into a classic game of musical chairs this week.

Without a program, it was tricky to tell who could be sitting where (eventually) or, if you prefer, who might wind up on first, second or even third.

It began with the announcement of State Representative Mary Jeanette Murray and also a member of the local Board of Selectmen that she would not seek a fourth term as Selectman. Rep. Murray is completing her ninth year and third term in the latter capacity.

No sooner was the typewriter ink dry on that announcement than first one and then a second candidate indicated intention to succeed Rep. Murray.

On Monday this week, Rocco Laugelle took out nomination papers for the Selectmen's chair.

Before the day was out, Doris Golden also arrived at Town Hall to obtain papers for the same office (Selectman).

However, Laugelle is a member of the Water Commission whose term on that Board is expiring this year, so the post of Water Commissioner thus would be up for grabs.

And Mrs. Golden is Chairman of the School Committee, and her term also is expiring this season so yet another town position was thrown as she indicated that she would not seek re-election to her current office.

Mrs. Golden, who is completing her second term on the School Committee, said she would not seek re-election to that post in favor of "giving the Selectman's race, 'a try.'" "Are you going from the frying pan into the fire?" she was asked. "It may be just the opposite," she replied.

Graceful



AERIAL BALLET — Karen Ekberg displays precision on the balance beam at a CHS Gymnastics workout. (Photo by Lindy Blaisdell)

Laugelle, Golden Promptly Toss Hats Into The Ring

Laugelle was not immediately available for comment or to answer whether he might be thinking in terms of seeking two offices.

Candidates have until March 9 to take out nomination papers which must be returned to the Town Clerk by 5 p.m. on March 19.

In making her announcement of passing up the Selectman's race, Rep. Murray explained, "I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Cohasset as one of their Selectmen. It has been a marvelous experience for me, and I am thankful that I have been able to assist my fellow townspeople."

Rep. Murray went on to say that with her new Representative District under redistricting with the addition from 23,000 to 37,000 in population, she will find a greater demand on her

time.

"My stepping down at this time will provide others with the same privilege I have enjoyed to serve the people of Cohasset," Rep. Murray stated.

Laugelle and Mrs. Golden wasted no time in doing just that.

"The local Affairs Committee and Committee on Counties are very busy committees and I want to do a good job," Rep. Murray continued in listing some of her committee duties on Beacon Hill.

"I'm also serving on three special committees - the Committee to Re-organized Higher Public Education, the Committee to help Children in need of services (CHINS-Child Abuse) and the Committee to study the transportation of all hazardous materials.

Leave The Driving To Bus

Shuttle Keeps Senior Life Rolling

By Karin Bartow

Cohasset's white 'Senior Shuttle' van is a common sight to us as it travels back and forth across town delivering and returning senior citizens from their daily errands and excursions.

Unseen to most of us is the web of volunteers who keep the bus rolling.

The 30 individuals who man the wheel — the agency that supports them, and a commitment by the Town to provide the funds, through the Council on Aging, for leasing, insuring and fueling the bus — make it all happen.

Promoted by the Social Service League of Cohasset, and recommended by the Council on Aging, the

Shuttle was launched in April of 1974, and remains a unique entity, quite unlike anything else in other towns. The drivers are volunteers. The schedule, with the exception of five special shopping trips a month, is shaped on a day-by-day basis, and passengers receive door-to-door service.

The Shuttle is free and is for citizens age 60 and over. It operates Monday through Friday. There is no service on Saturday, unless something special is going on. There is a separate Sunday church shuttle, currently run by Lloyd Prescott.

The Shuttle program, administered by the Social Service League, is the responsibility of its current chairman, Mrs. Jean Manganaro. She has been chairman for one and one-half years

and driving for a total of four. She recruits new drivers, juggles the intricate monthly schedule, drives two regular turns, and also substitutes another three or more times a month.

Her philosophy reflects her sensitivity to the needs of the elderly: their desire for independence, need for companionship and fight against loneliness. She feels the Shuttle should be used for people's daily needs, be they errands, or the desire to "get out". It's just as important for someone to ride the Shuttle to see a friend, as it is to go shopping or to the doctor," she comments.

Although riders are reluctant to use the service for visiting, or "getting

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Preliminary School Budget Up 2.12%

A new but still tentative school budget was set at \$3.53 million Monday night when the School Committee completed its preliminary discussions. The budget, which reflects an increase of 2.12 per cent, now awaits action from the Advisory Board and with the townspeople at a public hearing. Dates have not yet been set for these meetings.

It was suggested at this week's meeting by Taffy Nothnagel of Atlantic Avenue that the instructional aide for the second and third grade open space classroom at the Osgood School be retained. The full-time aide position has been cut from the school's personnel budget during the early days of budget review.

Osgood School principal Jack Craemer defended Mrs. Nothnagel's recommendation. "The instructional aide provides an added dimension to the open

person who can take off with a group of children," he said.

When asked by Chairman Doris Golden why the aide wasn't included as a part of his budget, Craemer explained that he had been instructed to present a zero increase and was therefore forced to cut a position beneath that of full-time salaried personnel. Otherwise, he said he would defend the position with his "dying breath."

Supt. John Maloney was in sympathy with Craemer's reasoning. "We had to make decisions in areas where we really didn't have our hearts," he said. "We sacrificed the aide to keep a teacher."

Committee member Patricia Walsh's motion appropriating \$6,000 for the open-space classroom aide carried unanimously.

Luring reconsideration of the Deer

Hill budget a committee member suggested increasing the school librarian's salary to \$12,000, in accordance with the raise given to the high school librarian last week. Committee member John Langmaid said he disapproved of piecemeal consideration of individual personnel raises. Instead, he moved that the superintendent draw up a list, to be presented to the board at the next meeting in executive session, of a salary scale for all non-union personnel and recommendations for raises in the coming school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Three alternatives that had been supplied in the proposed zero increase budget were also approved by the committee. A locker replacement plan which would

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Selectman Murray

"My terms as Selectman have enabled me to bring the problems of our towns to the legislature." I want

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